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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

George Suchfield

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,9 and 12-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,9 and 12-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.178(b), to timely apprise the Office of any prior or concurrent proceeding in which Patent No. 5,839,514 is or was involved. These proceedings would include interferences, reissues, reexaminations, and litigation.

Applicant is further reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.56, to timely apprise the Office of any information which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in this reissue application.

These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

2. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

The most recent declaration filed on January 26, 2006 is deemed, overall, drawn to a broadening reissue application. It is noted, however, that the original reissue declaration identified the reissue application as a “narrowing” reissue, i.e., by asserting “the original patent to be partly invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent”. Such original declaration was accompanied by a narrowing of the patent claims comprising the cancellation of claims 1-3 and 10. Any or all subsequent amendment(s) which instead broadened the patent claims, such as amendment filed on June 18, 2003, were not filed within the two-year statutory period.

Thus, the reissue declaration must, instead, be drawn to a “narrowing” reissue, while still indicating at least one error upon which the reissue application is based.

3. Claims 4, 5, 9 and 12-25 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

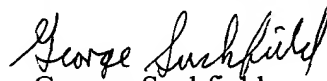
4. Claims 4, 5, 9 and 12-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being broadened in a reissue application filed outside the two-year statutory period. Such broadening is deemed to have first occurred with applicant's amendment dated June 18, 2003 wherein claim 4 was amended in a manner such that it became broader in scope than the patent claim 4. By contrast, the patent upon which the reissue is based issued on November 24, 1998, as U.S. Pat. No. 5,839,514. Hence, such two-year statutory period expired on November 24, 2000, well before the first broadening amendment date of June 18, 2003. More specifically, pending claim 4 is deemed broader in scope than patented claim 4, as well as each and every other claim of the original patent by failing to include the limitations of the patent claim 4 comprising "a mast pivotally mounted on said frame", an injector reel which is "rotatably mounted on said mast, said injector reel pivotable from a first stored position at said front end to a second tubing injecting position", the entire "hold down assembly" as recited in lines 23-33, i.e., col. 6, lines 11-21 of the patent, as well as the entire structure or recitation of patent claim 4 to the coil tubing exiting the apparatus at an angle less than 90° to the surface, i.e., as appearing in col. 6, lines 32-35 of the patent. A claim is broader in scope than the original claims if it contains within its scope any conceivable product or process which would not have infringed the original patent. A claim is broadened if it is broader in any one respect even though it may be narrower in other respects. Note MPEP Section 1412.03.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Suchfield whose telephone number is 571-272-7036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.(6:30 - 3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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